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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: PATRICK et al.

Attorney Docket No.: LAM1P061

Application No.: 08/925,985

Examiner: A. MARKOFF

Filed: September 9, 1997

Group: 1743

Title: APPARATUS FOR IMPROVING ETCH
UNIFORMITY AND METHODS THEREFOR

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Previously Paid For	Present Extra	SMALL ENTITY <u>RATE FEE</u>	LARGE ENTITY <u>RATE FEE</u>
TOTAL CLAIMS	<u>18</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>0</u>	X 9 = \$	OR X18 = \$ 0.00
INDEP CLAIMS	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	X39 = \$	OR X78 = \$ 0.00
[] Multiple Dependent Claim Present and Fee Not Previously Paid				\$130=\$0	\$260= \$ 0.00
			TOTAL	\$ _____	\$ 0.00

Applicant(s) hereby petition for a three (3) month(s) extension of time to respond to the aforementioned Office Action .

Applicant(s) believe that no (additional) Extension of Time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicant(s) hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 50-0388 (Order #LAM1P061).

Enclosed is our Check No. 1170 in the amount of \$870.00 to cover the additional claim fee and/or extension of time fees.

Please charge the required fees, or any additional fees required to facilitate filing the enclosed response, to Deposit Account No. 50-0388 (Order No. LAM1P061). A copy of this sheet is enclosed for fee processing purposes.

Respectfully submitted,
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In re the application of)
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Serial No. 08/ 925,985)
Filed: September 9, 1997)
For: METHODS FOR IMPROVING ETCH)
UNIFORMITY (AS AMENDED))

) Examiner: Markoff, A.

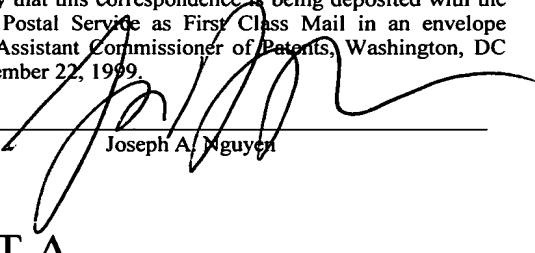
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AMENDMENT A

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed June 22, 1999, please enter the following remarks. For the Examiner's convenience, all pending claims have been reproduced below. claims which have been amended or added are marked with an asterisk ("*").

IN THE TITLE

Please change the title of the application to read "Methods for improving etch uniformity".

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